

III. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-12 and 15-23 are currently pending, of which claims 1 and 18 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 18 are amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amended claims can be found, at least, in the specification as originally-filed. Claims 13 and 14 remain cancelled. No claims are added. Applicants request consideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks and amendments.

B. Indication of Allowable Claims

The Office Action states that claims 1-12 and 15-23 are allowable if objections to the claims, which are discussed in section C below, are overcome. See Office Action at pg. 3. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that the pending claims are allowable and have amended the claims to overcome the objections and to place them in condition for allowance.

C. Objection to and Amendments of Claims 1-12 and 15-23

The Office Action objects to claims 1-12 and 15-23 due to informalities regarding the language of independent claims 1 and 18. Specifically, the Office Action states:

Claims 1 and 18 disclose software adapted to be installed in the device, the software configured to communicate with a **token**, and a **secure tamper-resistant physical token** local to and removably attachable to the device. It appears that “a token” is referring to a “secure tamper-resistant physical token”. Therefore, applicant is advised to amend claims 1 and 18 to disclose “software adapted to be installed in the device, the software configured to communicate with a **secure tamper-resistant physical token**, and the **secure tamper-resistant physical token** local to and removably attachable to the device”. See Office Action at pg. 2. (Emphasis in Original).

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 in the spirit suggested by the Examiner, and believe that these amendments overcome the objections to the claims. Applicants have also consolidated the claim phrases “operatively coupled to” and “local to and removably attachable to” to further clarify the claimed embodiments.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite:

A method for managing network access of a computing device, which is capable of communicating via one or more networks, where trusted enforcement of the access occurs at the device, comprising the steps of:

providing software adapted to be installed in the device, the software configured to communicate with a secure tamper-resistant physical token operatively coupled to, local to and removably attachable to the device;

storing a network access parameter in memory of said secure tamper-resistant physical token, said network access parameter being associated with a first network, said secure tamper-resistant physical token comprising a processor configured to execute an application, said application configured to determine if said network access parameter has been met or exceeded; and

granting the device access to the first network if the application determines that the network access parameter has not been met or exceeded.

Claim 18 has been amended to recite:

A system for managing network access of a computing device, which is capable of communicating via one or more networks, where trusted enforcement of the access occurs at the device, the system comprising:

a secure tamper-resistant physical token operatively coupled to, local to and removably attachable to the device; and

software adapted to be installed in the device, the software configured to communicate with said secure tamper-resistant physical token, said physical token comprising:

a communications interface for communicating data to and from said physical token;

a storage including at least one access parameter associated with a first network; and

a processor configured to execute an application, said application configured to determine if said access parameter has been met or exceeded, whereby the device is granted access to the first network if said access parameter has not been met or exceeded.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 18 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request allowance of the claims.

Claims 2-12 and 15-17 depend from claim 1, and claims 19-23 depend from claim 18, and therefore incorporate each limitation of their respective independent claims. Accordingly, based on the amendments to claims 1 and 18, Applicants submit that the objection to claims 2-12, 15-17 and 19-23 is also overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12, 15-17 and 19-23 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request allowance of the claims.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Examiner is very cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided if any outstanding issues remain toward the allowance of the claims.

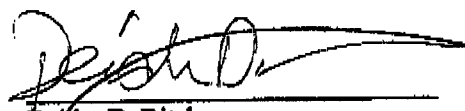
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No fees are believed to be due with the submission of this Amendment. However, in the event that any fees are necessary to maintain this application pending, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the same from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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